Irrigation dam at Korattumoola.

279. ✻ **MR. K. A. MATHEW:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from ryots regarding the construction of an irrigation dam at Korattumoola in Kavalur Desam, Manampur Pakuthi, Chirayinkil taluk ; and

(*b*) if so, whether any steps have been taken for the construction of the dam?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Written consent from the ryots concerned to pay half contribution has been obtained and the necessary estimate is under preparation.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know when this representation for a dam was received by the Department ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: In November 1943.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: When did the Government get the consent from the ryots ? Is it in 1943 ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: In 1943. (In the course of the last year, 1119.)

Culvert at Nagarur and bridge at Thottukadavur.

280. ✻ **MR. K. A. MATHEW:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that for lack of a culvert at Nagarur and bridge at Thottukadavur, the Nagarur-Vamanapuram road is not cartable or useful to the travelling public and why is the construction of these works delayed?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes, except during the hot season. Two bridges, one at the first mile across Nagarur thodu and the other at the third mile across Chittar, are necessary, but the work is held up owing to the high cost and the difficulty of procuring the required steel and cement.

Vettiyar Punja.

281. ✻ **MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the area of Vettiyar Punja in the Mavelikara taluk;

(*b*) the average annual yield of paddy per acre of land therein ; and

(*c*) whether Government have considered the possibility of improving the area and getting better yield ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) About 350 acres.

(*b*) 100 paras.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: With regard to the answer under clause (*c*), what are the conclusions that the Government have arrived at with regard to improvement ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The possibility of opening two alternative drainage channels has been investigated. It was found to be prohibitively costly and therefore the idea was given up.

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MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Did the Government come to the conclusion that better irrigational facilities should be provided for the Punja?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Facilities to the extent possible have already been provided.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Have the Government decided to increase further irrigational facilities?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Not at the present time.

Alleppey-Shertalai Canal.

282 * MR. XAVIER VINCENT (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the length of the portion of the Alleppey-Shertalai Canal that has been constructed;

(*b*) the length of the portion that still remains to be constructed;

(*c*) when the canal work was started;

(*d*) the amount that has been spent on that work up-to-date; and

(*e*) why its completion is being delayed?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) 5 miles, 3083 feet.

(*b*) 7 miles, 4517 feet.

(*c*) 1090 M. E.

(*d*) Rs. 6,51,299.

(*e*) It has been decided not to proceed with this work.

Petitions from the ryots of Kulapattom Ela.

283 * MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received petitions from the ryots of Kulapattom Ela, Keezhattingal pakuthi, Chirayinkil taluk that the bund and sluice destroyed during the floods in 1108 and subsequent years be restored;

(*b*) what action if any has been taken on these petitions; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the productivity of about 75 acres of paddy land continues to be materially affected by the delay in the execution of this work?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate has been prepared and is under scrutiny.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know when this estimate was prepared?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The petition was received in August 1943, *i. e.*, towards the early part of 1119, and the estimate has already been prepared in the current year.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: The damage occurred in 1108 and it came to the notice of Government only in 1119. Is that what I am to understand?

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